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- 12.—*Budge and Toddie: their Haps and Mishaps. An Illustrated Edition of Other People's Children.* By the author of "Helen's Babies." The Designs by LUCY G. MORSE. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1878. 12mo, pp. vii.-303.

MR. HABBERTON is the author of a new kind of book, the popularity of which is, to our minds, not only surprising, but humiliating. Descriptions of children are often interesting and amusing to grown people, and books about children's doings have often before now obtained a great and lasting success. But, in the case of the children whom Mr. Habberton describes, the interest that is aroused would, it seems, only be possible in an extremely degraded and low, and indeed almost effete state of society. His children are nothing more than mischievous little animals, more destructive and noisy than cats or dogs; but, as far as we can discover, without a single redeeming quality. We confess that we think both his children and their doings are utterly beneath criticism, and the only reason why we say a word about them is because, from the attention they have attracted, one might suppose that they already bid fair to become classics. The antics of "Budge" and "Toddie" furnish really most depressing reading, and, if they represent the "child of the period," all we can say is that the sooner he either grows up or dies the better.